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FOR ASST SECRETARY TODMAN FROM CHAPLIN

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TAGS: OVIP (HUNTINGTON, SAMUEL P.), AR
SUBJECT: CANCELLATION OF VISIT OF SAMUEL P. HUNTINGTON

1. THE ABRUPT CANCELLATION BY HUNTINGTON OF HIS COMMITMENT TO PARTICIPATE IN A HIGH LEVEL SEMINAR WITH EMINENT ARGENTINE ACADEMICS, GOVERNMENT LEADERS, BUSINESSMEN AND INTELLECTUALS HAS DEEPLY DISTRESSED THE ARGENTINE SPONSORS AND WOULD INEVITABLY BE SUBJECT TO CONSIDERABLE UNFORTUNATE INTERPRETATION, ESPECIALLY IN VIEW OF THE RECENT ANNOUNCEMENT OF HUNTINGTON'S APPOINTMENT TO THE NSC.

2. AFFIRMATIVELY, THE PINERO PACHECO FOUNDATION HAD BEEN WORKING WITH HUNTINGTON FOR MONTHS ON THIS PROJECT WHICH IS FOCUSED COMPLETELY ON HUNTINGTON'S BOOK, "NO EASY CHOICE." INVITATIONS HAVE GONE OUT TO MORE THAN 20 ARGENTINE LEADERS TO PARTICIPATE, HIGH LEVEL SPEAKERS HAVE BEEN CHOSEN, GOA APPROVAL AND SUPPORT FOR THE SEMINAR HAS BEEN ENTHUSIASTIC, AND MEDIA PUBLICITY ABOUT HUNTINGTON AND THE IMPORTANCE OF HIS VISIT HAS BEEN CONSIDERABLE.

3. THE EMBASSY HAS WORKED CLOSELY WITH PACHECO THROUGHOUT THE PLANNING. FULBRIGHT COOPERATED BY EXTENDING A TRAVEL GRANT. THE PROJECT REPRESENTS AN IMPORTANT PRIVATE INITIATIVE TO CONTRIBUTE TO BASIC PLANNING NOW PROCEEDING IN ARGENTINA ON
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FUTURE GOVERNMENT RESTRUCTURING WHICH WE FEEL DESERVES FULL SUPPORT.

4. I URGE THAT YOU ASK HUNTINGTON RECONSIDER AND, IF AT ALL POSSIBLE, COME TO ARGENTINA, IF ONLY FOR THREE DAYS, TO PARTICIPATE. IN VIEW OF GOVERNMENT INTEREST AND SUPPORT, AND THE IMPORTANCE OF DIALOGUE AT THE HIGH LEVEL MADE POSSIBLE BY THE PINERO PACHECO

FOUNDATION, WE FEEL THAT EVERY EFFORT SHOULD BE MADE NOT TO CLOSE
DOORS ABRUPTLY AT THIS LATE DATE. IT WOULD BE UNFORTUNATE ALSO
SHOULD THIS HAPPEN SO SHORTLY BEFORE YOUR TRIP.
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